

MINUTES
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THREE LAKES COUNCIL

DATE: October 19, 2023

A Zoom meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Council was held on October 19, 2023. Present were:

Janet Andersen, President
Ellen Bailey, Treasurer, Perch Bay alt.
Jean Lewis, Secretary, at-large rep.
Doug Housman, Lake Waccabuc Association representative, Membership Chair
Paul Lewis, Twin Lakes rep.
Jonathan Peter, South Shore Assoc. rep, Water Clarity Comm. Chair
Ron Tetelman, Lakeside Assoc. rep
T Rajwer, Lake Oscaleta Association rep.
John Lemke, Lake Waccabuc alt. Long Pond Security Steward
Bonnie Robins, Perch Bay Association rep.
Linda Broudy, Waccabuc Landowners Council alt.

President Janet Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. An updated 2023 outlook and the 2024 preliminary budget were among the topics discussed.

2023 Three Lake Council activities: Jan Andersen opened the meeting with a brief summary of 2023 activities:

- About 100 people attended the Annual Meeting Potluck which was moved to the Waccabuc Country Club Carriage House because of rain.
- The plant survey found no new invasive plants.
- Water sampling showed algal was present in the lakes for June and July.
- The website continues to attract 400-600 users/month.
- Current membership for 2023 is 201 - about the same as last year at this time.
- Jan Andersen and Doug Houseman plan to send out the year-end Membership Appeal letter in November.

Long Pond Preserve:

- John Lemke reported that trespassing over Long Pond for lake access wasn't an issue this year. Perhaps shutting down the Preserve during covid changed behavior patterns. Also, swimming was less appealing this summer because of rainy weekends and persistent algae. Town Police wrote only a few tickets for illegal parking on Mead Street.
- Jan thanked Kevin Karl for his hard work in maintaining the Preserve trails.

Stormwater retrofit project update: A group from Tarry-a-Bit Road continues to push for lake rights in conjunction with the planned stormwater remediation on Long Pond Preserve. The current East of Hudson plan is to do remediation on just one stream, the one coming from the Waccabuc Golf Course & Post Office, which they will be able to access without travel on Tarry a Bit. The project engineer plans to have a conversation with the TAB residents to explain the project to them.

Channel Maintenance Project:

- Johathan Peter reported that he researched the possibility of using a Piranha Mini Dredge to deepen increasingly shallow parts in the channel and at each end of the

Oscaleta-Waccabuc channel. Although small enough to maneuver in the channel, he was disappointed to find that it won't work in our situation because it can't pump the stick and vegetative muck that covers the channel bottom.

- T Rajwer asked if some dredging could be done by the Town in combination with culvert replacement. Although the shallow areas of concern aren't at the culvert, Jan suggested this could be discussed as the Town's culvert plans are finalized.
- Jan would like to see a **beaver deceiver** installed in the new culvert. It could maintain water flow if beaver debris blocks the flow through the culvert.
- Some members of the Beaver Crew have expressed frustration with the difficult task of removing mid-channel debris. Board members acknowledged the difficulty of working from boats to remove debris but emphasized the importance of keeping the channel open to boat traffic.
- The Board agreed to increase the amount of money budgeted to hire workers for clearing beaver debris to \$6400 in the 2023 budget and \$10,000 in the 2024 budget. That will pay for 2 days for removal in 2023 and gives us flexibility to respond when the debris impedes boat passage through the channel.
- Since some Crew members have been removing debris every week for about 12 years, it was suggested that they might try recruiting some new, younger volunteers. A recruitment request could be included in the Council mailings.

Clarity Committee:

The Clarity Committee consists of four sub-committees: Septic, Sewer, Stormwater and Internal Loading.

- **Sewer grant requests** have been submitted, and work is underway to obtain other funding.
- **Tax districts** need to be explained to the public. A FAQ document is being developed and informational meetings are planned. Jan will send a draft of the FAQ document to Board members for review, and encouraged all to send her any questions they have or expect to hear from residents.

Lewisboro Lakes Coalition:

- Jan Andersen praised Jonathan Peter and T Rajwer of the Clarity Committee for moving the Lakes Coalition forward. Lake Truesdale is now putting up signs and spreading information about the need to pump septic.

Town Comprehensive Plan:

Jan reported that a group is studying what Town code changes may need to be made to support community input during the comprehensive plan process. The public will have an opportunity to review them before they are implemented.

Financial Status:

- Jan Andersen reported that just under \$35,000 has been received as revenue and spending has been in line with amounts budgeted.
- Ellen Bailey explained that maintaining a healthy balance is important because future needs being considered will be expensive.

Budget:

- Jan distributed the Annual Budget in advance of the meeting. She reviewed the increases included in the 2024 budget which are explained in the Notes column of the budget. The budget will be revised to include the \$10,000 the Board approved for culvert cleaning.

- Jean Lewis made a motion to approve the Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Ron Tetelman, and the motion passed unanimously.

Lake Association reports:

Board members representing associations on Lake Waccabuc reported that disruptive behavior associated with short term rentals is on the minds of many. Some rentals don't meet Town Code requirements and they need to be enforced. It was suggested that perhaps a registration requirement would help.

The Board felt that this is something best addressed by the individual lake associations, each of which has its own By-Laws, or by the Town, rather than the Three Lakes Council.

Next meeting:

We agreed to schedule Board meetings at the end of each quarter. The next meeting will be held on **January 18, 2024**, unless an issue requiring a meeting comes up before then.

Jan wished everyone a Happy New Year and moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ron Tetelman seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Lewis, Secretary

3LC Annual Budget - Board meeting October 19, 2023

	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 YTD Actual	2023 Outlook	2024 Budget	Notes
Income				as of	9/16/2023			
Membership & Donations	\$ 42,102	\$ 43,561	\$ 59,500	\$ 40,000	\$ 34,746	\$ 38,000	\$ 40,000	
Investment income	\$ 93	\$ 28	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 5	\$ 7	\$ 10	
Expenses								
Lake Studies								
CSLAP	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,410		\$ 1,410	\$ 1,500	fees may go up
NYSFOLA Membership Dues	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175		\$ 250	\$ 250	membership increase
Lake Consultant Goop/Zoop	\$ -	\$ 2,490	\$ 1,841	\$ 1,332		\$ 1,400	\$ 1,500	
Water Testing (Non-CSLAP)	\$ 504	\$ 513	\$ 2,658	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,128	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	shoulder season sampling
Implementation of Watershed Plan*	\$ -						\$ 2,000	Shoreline planting, basin inserts?
Equipment & standards*	\$ -						\$ 1,000	testprobe / calibration standards
Stewardship (3 Lakes Only)								
Fish Stocking	\$ -	\$ 1,150		\$ 1,450	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,500	
Goose & Beaver Control	\$ -			\$ 400			\$ 500	
Waccabuc Dam*	\$ -			\$ 500			\$ 500	
Channel tree removal	\$ 1,150		\$ 6,400	\$ 3,500		\$ 6,400	\$ 10,000	
Boat Stickers	\$ 11	\$ 11	\$ 1,272	\$ 13			\$ 15	
Petrucelli*	\$ -			\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000	In case land is offered for sale
Septic studies actions				\$ 5,000	\$ 523	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000	Septic / sewer district outreach
Stewardship (Long Pond Only)								
Long Pond Preserve Stewardship	\$ 51	\$ 57	\$ 4,426	\$ 520	\$ 560	\$ 560	\$ 3,000	mowing?
Long Pond Preserve Security	\$ -			\$ 7,500			\$ 7,500	police patrol
Long Pond EOH legal				\$ 25,000	\$ 1,662	\$ 2,000	\$ 25,000	in case
Invasive Species								
Invasive Species Monitoring	\$ 5,399	\$ 6,230	\$ 7,253	\$ 8,436	\$ 6,808	\$ 6,808	\$ 8,000	
Education & Outreach								
Annual Meeting Potluck	\$ -	\$ 1,839	\$ 2,205	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,575	\$ 1,575	\$ 2,500	
Newsletter / Stewardship Mailings	\$ 4,686	\$ 2,085	\$ 2,259	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,177	\$ 2,177	\$ 2,500	newsletter & postage increasing
Website	\$ 12		\$ 984	\$ 15	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 20	domain server change
Professional Conf/Meetings*	\$ -							
Educational Seminars*	\$ -							Pay speaker(s)?
Overhead/Administrative Expenses								
Insurance	\$ 4,570	\$ 4,629	\$ 5,421	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,634	\$ 5,634	\$ 6,500	Increasing costs
Taxes/Fees	\$ 577	\$ 536	\$ 708	\$ 741	\$ 723	\$ 723	\$ 800	Real estate, NYS Charities, PO Box
Admin-Printing/Membership/ Fundraising	\$ 892	\$ 2,774	\$ 1,688	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,826	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,500	Find new printer
Software (Quickbooks/Zoom)	\$ 140	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75		\$ 75	\$ 75	Zoom membership - renew
Bank Fees	\$ 59	\$ 122	\$ (151)	\$ 50	\$ 53	\$ 53	\$ 100	M&T & Benevity Fees
Contingency	\$ -			\$ 1,000			\$ 1,000	Contingency
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 19,635	\$ 24,096	\$ 38,623	\$ 81,916	\$ 24,132	\$ 36,127	\$ 95,260	
Income - Total Expenses	\$ 22,560	\$ 19,493	\$ 20,902	\$ (41,891)	\$ 10,619	\$ 1,880	\$ (55,250)	
* Denotes "soft items" - managed depending on organization resources and volunteers								
costs to operate (ins, news, annl mtg, fees)					\$ 7,984	\$ 8,060	\$ 9,975	
w/ fundraising					\$ 9,811	\$ 10,160	\$ 12,475	